

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

_____ day _____, 2012

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
MORRO BAY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, Morro Bay State Park became a part of the California State Park System in 1934; and

WHEREAS, the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History opened in 1962 as the only Museum of Natural History in the State Park System; and

WHEREAS, the Central Coast State Parks Association has been a partner with California State Parks since 1976 by providing support for the Volunteer in Parks program and especially in the design and operation of the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History; and

WHEREAS, children's interactions with nature is on the decline, children today suffer from increasing rates of obesity and they need places and programs to be inspired about the benefits and necessity of nature in everyday life for physical, mental and spiritual health; and

WHEREAS, the Museum teaches 5,000 school children annually through programs that expand classroom education and meet state science standards in the areas of Marine Mammals, Birds, The Estuary and Native American History; and

WHEREAS, the Museum of Natural History engages 50,000 local, national and international visitors per year teaching public awareness and stewardship of natural resources and cultural heritage, now and for future generations, through museum exhibits and programs including curatorial work, Adventures With Nature Walks and Talks, Mindwalks lecture series, Native American programs, puppetry, natural history library and special events such as Summer Solstice, Skeleton Sunday and Week of Wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Museum utilizes over 100 State Park docents and volunteers from the local community to keep the museum running and offers classes and programs recognizing the commitment and value of said docents and volunteers.; and

WHEREAS, the Museum is an integral part of the community in its role as educator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby honor the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History on its 50th anniversary year for the service the Museum has provided to the communities within the county as well as to the many visitors to the area.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor
_____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisor

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk